

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2013 TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
OF THE  
WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD**

**Appointed Members in Attendance**

Robert Ballou, Chairperson, Iowa Soybean Association  
Jolee Belzung, Iowa Association of Water Agencies  
Jim Gillespie, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Larry Gullett, Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards  
Susan Heathcote, Iowa Environmental Council  
Lisa Walters, Iowa Rural Water Association  
Jane Weber, Conservation Districts of Iowa

**Appointed Members Absent**

Larry Alliger, Iowa Farm Bureau  
Dennis Black, State Senator  
Dave Coppess, Agribusiness Association of Iowa  
Steve Hopkins, Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
David Johnson, State Senator  
Debra Karwal, Iowa Pork Producers  
Jarad Klein, State Representative  
Roger Thomas, State Representative

**Staff and Guests**

Mary J. Baker, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation  
Jerry Neppel, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) was called to order at 9:08 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2013, by Chairperson Ballou.

**Approval of Agenda**

Add Item 6h) 1118-007 Lake Hendricks to Amendment Requests.  
Add Items 7j) 1215-009IJ Muchakinock Creek Watershed and 7k) 1221-010 Rathbun Lake Watershed to Funding Request Forms.  
Add DNR Letter of Support to Item 6f) Lake Icaria Amendment Request.

*Motion 2013-181 Moved by Weber and seconded by Gillespie to accept the amended agenda, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Approve Minutes of November 2, 2012 Meeting**

*Motion 2013-182 Moved by Belzung and seconded by Heathcote to approve the meeting minutes and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Treasurers Report**

There is a discrepancy on the report from the Treasurer's Office.

*Motion 2013-183 Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Weber to table approval of the Treasurers Report until the discrepancy is resolved and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Soil Nutrient Mass Balance Study**

The invoice amount is \$25,771.63. Iowa State University previously invoiced \$30,426.70 and there may be another invoice for approximately \$14,000. The amendment was approved on December 26, 2013. Iowa State University will present to the Legislative Committee and WIRB Board on separate dates.

***Motion 2013-184** Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Belzung to approve the invoice from Iowa State University, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Amendment Requests**

**Project Name**  
9002-001 Indian Springs Pond

**Discussion**

The applicant requests to extend the project deadline to May 31, 2013 to enable one producer to install the terraces that are remaining on his contract, to modify the project budget to \$106,115.42, and to return \$95,544.58 to WIRB.

***Motion 2013-185** Moved by Weber and seconded by Belzung to approve the amendment request, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

9006-003 Bear Creek

The applicant requests to move funds from budget items Water Quality Test Kits (\$5,000), Waste Storage Facilities (\$7,500) and Streambank Stabilization (\$11,630) to budget item Salary/Benefits for a total of \$24,130. Amendment 2 was approved for salary to accommodate the project through June 2013.

***Motion 2013-186** Moved by Belzung and seconded by Gullett to approve the amendment request, and the motion was approved.*

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Belzung	Y		
Gillespie	Y		
Gullett	Y		
Heathcote	Y		
Walters	Y		
Weber		N	

9009-006 Lost Creek Watershed

The applicant requests to increase budget item Grade Stabilization Structures from \$315,000 to \$345,000 by transferring \$30,000 from budget item Contractual – Administrative.

***Motion 2013-187** Moved by Belzung and seconded by*

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Discussion</u>
	<i>Gillespie to approve the amendment request, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>
1003-001 Williamson Pond	<p>The applicant requests an extension to April 30, 2013 and to return \$49,368 to WIRB. This is not anticipated to change the WIRB contribution percent to the project.</p> <p><i>Motion 2013-188 Moved by Gullett and seconded by Belzung move to approve the amendmentt and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>
1015-009 Indian Creek	<p>The applicant requests an extension to March 31, 2013 to install the remaining two chillers.</p> <p><i>Motion 2013-189 Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Heathcote to approve the amendment and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>
1119-008 Lake Icaria	<p>The applicant requests to increase budget item Rock Chute Repair from \$106,150 to \$170,525 to replace the riprap.</p> <p><i>Motion 2013-190 Moved by Heathcote and seconded by Belzung to approve the amendment and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>
9012-009 Little River Lake	<p>The applicant requests an extension to December 31, 2013. Project construction was paused from July 1 through late October, 2012 due to severe dryness of the soil.</p> <p><i>Motion 2013-191 Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Weber to approve the amendment and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>
1118-007 Lake Hendricks Watershed	<p>The applicant requests an extension to April 30, 2013 for the Howard County Lake project. The applicant experienced difficulty securing a contractor to complete the timber sand improvement.</p> <p><i>Motion 2013-192 Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Weber to approve the amendment and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>

**Funding Request Forms**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Funded</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
1201-001 Sands Timber	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	
1202-002 Upper Otter Creek	\$15,875.00	\$15,875.00	
1204-003 North Fork Maquoketa	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
1206-004 Dry Run Creek	0	0	
1208-005 North Raccoon River	\$23,042.00	\$23,042.00	
1209-006 Waterloo Creek	\$27,187.50	\$27,187.50	
1210-007 Central Park Lake	\$84,110.00	\$84,110.00	
1214-008 Clear Lake	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	
1223-011 South Chequest Creek	\$13,150.00	\$13,150.00	
1215-009IJ Muchakinoock Creek Watershed	\$30,950.00	\$30,950.00	
1221-010 Rathbun Lake Watershed	0	0	

***Motion 2013-193** Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Heathcote to approve all funding requests except 1210-007 Central Park Lake and the motion was unanimously approved.*

***Motion 2013-194** Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Heathcote to approve funding request 1210-007 Central Park Lake and the motion was approved. Gullett abstained from voting.*

<b>Member</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Belzung</b>	Y		
<b>Gillespie</b>	Y		
<b>Gullett</b>			A
<b>Heathcote</b>	Y		
<b>Walters</b>	Y		
<b>Weber</b>	Y		

**Final Reports**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
7017-006 Little Clear Lake	The WIRB contribution calculates to 61% instead of 59%.

***Motion 2013-195** Moved by Gullett and seconded by Belzung to approve the final report, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

8005-002 Silver Lake

There are errors on the financial forms: the salary exceeds the maximum amount; and 2) the amount for information education exceeds the contract amount of WIRB contribution.

The applicant returned \$76,810.80 based upon this report, but there is additional funding (\$1,242) for information/education and \$4,200 for salary which should be returned.

***Motion 2013-196** Moved by Gullett and seconded by Heathcote to request clarification of the money match NRCS WRP and to correct the final report. The motion was unanimously approved.*

8013-009 Muchakinock  
Creek

***Motion 2013-197** Moved by Belzung and seconded by Gillespie to accept the final report, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

### **Scheduled Meetings**

February 8, 2013 10:00 a.m., Ankeny Public Services Building

### **Administrative Update**

Email from Senator Rob Hogg reporting that the Governor did not include WIRB in the budget. WIRB has to rely on the Legislature for an appropriation.

Upcoming events:

Water Day, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Ballou and Belzung will attend and Neppel will staff the booth.

The Board decided not to award funds to new projects until the funds are available.

Dr. Mike Castellano, Iowa State University, will make a presentation on "The Nitrogen and Phosphorus Balances in Iowa Cropping Systems: Sustaining Iowa's Soil Resource", 1:00 p.m., February 8, 2013, to WIRB. A request has been sent to the Legislature to allow Dr. Castellano to present the report.

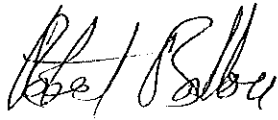
We will continue to use Google docs until alternatives are evaluated.

RFA Evaluations – February 1 deadline.

***Motion 2013-198** Moved by Gullett and seconded by Weber to add the summary budget sheet to the minimum criteria list for the next round of RFAs. The motion was unanimously approved.*

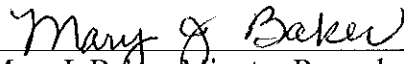
**Adjournment**

*Motion 2013-199 Moved by Chairperson Ballou and seconded by Weber to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m. and the motion was unanimously approved.*



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Robert Ballou, Chair  
Watershed Improvement Review Board



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Mary J. Baker, Minutes Recorder for the  
Watershed Improvement Review Board